

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of emergency service dispatchers to participate in a public safety employees treatment court program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 129.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 129.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "public safety employee" means a peace officer, firefighter, detention officer, county jailer, ~~or~~ emergency medical services employee, or emergency service dispatcher of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, enters a public safety employees treatment court program created under Chapter 129, Government Code, regardless of whether the person entering the program committed the offense for which the person enters the program before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 788 was passed by the House on April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 788 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor